


## Pastoral Perspective

Pastor Bruce Welander

## THE VIEW FROM THE COFFEE CUP



The other day, as I was reading a Christian magazine, I came across a full-page picture of a pump at a gas station. On it were the words, "MORE YULE LESS FUEL."

It was an ad by a company that publishes Christian books, suggesting that a lot of gas (and time and effort) could be saved this Christmas by purchasing gifts online from this company. (They even offered free shipping for purchases over \$35!)

Whether or not that sounds like a significant financial inducement for you, let me suggest that every one of us would benefit from "more Yule less fuel," from more of what Christmas is meant to be, with less running around...or driving around, as the case may be...less of the stress and mess...and more of the blessings.

What would it mean in your life to have "more Yule less fuel?" Might it involve less emphasis on material gifts and more on time spent with those you love? Less financial stress in this time of financial stress? A slightly sleeker social calendar, without neglecting those events and experiences with people who truly enrich your sense of God's love?

"Less fuel" suggests that there just might be something that

you could cut down on - or even cut out - this December. However, it is usually more helpful to focus on the *positive* side of things, and so, for the remainder of these thoughts, let me suggest some things that might bring "more Yule."

For one thing, how about more worship this December? Not just more services, but more worship and adoration *at* our services... and elsewhere, too. "*O come, let us adore Him*," says a beloved Christmas carol, "*Christ the Lord!*"

The season of Advent in the church, which begins November 30, is designed to help us do just that...to live in adoration of the Lord who has come to the world, who is coming again, and who continues to come to us through His Holy Spirit. In this Advent, I hope to put less pressure on the foot pedal and have more occasions when my mouth is open in adoration of the Lord and in awe-filled thanksgiving for God's incredible gift of life.

Along with that, more immersion in Scripture would also help to bring "more Yule less fuel." As I write this, I have just come from a session of the Wednesday morning men's Bible study, in which we are reading the Book of Deuteronomy.



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**Pastoral Perspective**

To read the prophecies of Moses before Israel entered the Promised Land might seem light years away from a Longmont Christmas '08, but I have been struck at how beautifully God prepared the way for the coming of Christ as the great Blessing for all who receive him.

Also, this December we can take more *time* for the things that really matter...time to be with God in prayer...with others in worship...with dear friends and loved ones whose greatest gift is their presence among us. The peace that Christ has come to bring ought to free us for more time to live less frantically and more fully.

In all of this, my prayer is that all of us will live with more faith and expectation. The Advent Sundays that lead up to Christmas are all about expectation - the expectation that God cares, that God rules, and that God comes to save us and help us. "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come," is the start of the prayer for the first Sunday in Advent. May you be given more and more faith that Christ has come to save you from sin and from anything that threatens to defeat you...and more and more expectation that God will come...today...whatever the darkness in our world. No financial crisis or any other problem can keep him from coming, with power...and with love beyond our understanding.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Bruce Welander

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## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship*

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

3:00 PM Youth and Family Worship and Holy Communion  
Music by Leap of Faith (Youth) Worship Team

5:00 PM Family Worship and Holy Communion  
Music by Worship Team

7:00 PM Family Worship and Holy Communion  
Music by Adult Choir and Baas Family Worship Team





## **STEWARDSHIP NOTES**

Susan Moller, Director of Business Administration

### **Results of Consecration Weekend**

God continues to bless our congregation financially. As of November 25, 2008, we have had 144 *Estimate of Giving Cards* handed in for a total of \$496,464.



If you have not yet handed in your *Estimate of Giving Card*, you can still do so. There are extra cards available in the church office.

### **Endowment Fund Requests**

If you would like to request funds from the Endowment Fund for 2009, there are forms available in the church office. They are due by December 31, 2008. The committee will meet in January to determine what, if any, funds will be distributed for 2009.

### **Stock/Mutual Fund Donations**

If you would like to donate stock or mutual funds to the church, please contact Susan Moller at 303-776-8771 or [sue@fcllc.org](mailto:sue@fcllc.org) for information on the procedure for the transfer. If you already know the procedure, please be sure to let us know when you are making a donation, as well as the amount. Thank you!

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## **Via de Cristo Ultreya**

To our VDC Family,

Hi, I'm Harlan Olson. I was blessed to serve as the men's Rector for Lutheran Via de Cristo of the Rockies Weekend #1. While preparing the "Total Security in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day" Rollo, I became convinced that Reunion Groups are the heart and soul of a successful VDC Chapter.

During LVdCR Weekend #1, I talked to team and 4<sup>th</sup> Day members who had been associated with other chapters...chapters with waiting lists for pilgrim candidates to attend weekends. The common denominator in these discussions: active Reunion Groups.

Carol McGill volunteered to be our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Coordinator after attending the Annual National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting. During the meeting, Carol attended a workshop that emphasized the importance of Reunion Groups, Ultreyas, and sponsors. Carol came home convicted to energize our Colorado 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community. We have been talking about how we can help form successful Reunion Groups in our community.

Therefore, we invite you to a Grand Ultreya on Sunday, January 25, 2009, at 3:00 pm at Faith Community Lutheran Church, 9775 Ute Highway (Hwy.66), Longmont, Colorado 80504, with the express purpose of talking about Reunion groups and how we can form them. Please plan to attend and don't forget to bring your green card.

Light snacks and refreshments, as well as coffee and tea will be provided.

Blessings,

Harlan Olson

## The Nursery at FCLC

Natalie Boggess, Nursery Coordinator

The nursery at FCLC provides a safe and nurturing environment for the youngest children of our congregation while their parents attend worship. While in the nursery the children can play, listen to stories, watch a movie, or color a picture related to the gospel/theme of the season. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery once every other month. We need help at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services. We also need people who are willing to be on our "sub-list," to fill in when our regular volunteers are not able to be there. You do not have to have young children to serve in the nursery. You just need to enjoy spending time with our little ones. Please consider helping out. It is an important ministry in our church and your service would be highly appreciated. Thank you.



## Attention Choir Members!!!

Dawn Baas, Choir Director

The holiday season is upon us! Let's celebrate!

Please join your fellow choir members for Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

When: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00 pm

Where: The little Baas' house (Rob & Dawn's) 4719 Levi Ct., Loveland 80537

Why: Because the Cantata is over and we worked hard so we deserve it!!

Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. This is an open house so come when you can!! Bring your spouse or friend along, too! Hope to see you all there!



## Attention Parents!!!!

Only 20-something days until Christmas! My intention isn't to make you break out into a cold sweat, just to let you know that our wonderful children are rehearsing "The Christmas Story." If you would like your child to be considered for a role in our Nativity, please make sure you are available on the dates listed below.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for the Sunday School Open House.**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm for the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.**

This is a great opportunity to let your child learn the Christmas Story in a fun way.

And your out-of-town guests' hearts will melt when they see your beautiful child as Mary, a shepherd, a donkey or other character!

Please email me at [dawn@fcl.org](mailto:dawn@fcl.org) and let me know if your child will be available!!

Many Thanks and God Bless!!



## **Christian Education News**

Nanette Goings, Director of Education



### **You're Invited to the Sunday School Christmas "Show and Tell"**



Sunday, December 14, 9:45-10:45 am

Kids, remember to invite Mom or Dad to attend Sunday School with you on that day! Experience the Christmas story as we have in Sunday School! Hear the Bible story, listen to the songs, play the games, and hunt for the clues. Songs and a live nativity begin in the Sanctuary.

### **Thursday Morning Downstairs Women's Bible Study**

Begins Bible Study on *Exodus*

January 8, 9:30-11 am (meets weekly in Room 107, downstairs)

From the story of the burning bush to the parting of the Red Sea or the writing of the Ten Commandments, the book of Exodus can be described as "grand." But God is also in the small things. God's promises are the same for us today as they were for Moses and the Israelites...many times fulfilled in unexpected ways.

Contact Nanette to order a book by December 16. Cost? \$5

### **Bonfils Blood Drive on December 28**

8:30 am-12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall



It may be someone you know--a family member, a friend, or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to three (3) people. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Mary Konicek at [MaryLarryKids@aol.com](mailto:MaryLarryKids@aol.com)

### **Great Dates Couples Bible Study Begins a New Study!**

Saturday, January 10, 6:30-7:30 pm at church (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday evening of each month)

Begin the new year by reinvesting in your marriage! We will be exploring different areas of marriage relationships including communication skills, financial planning, and conflict resolution. Join us for this new season of Great Dates! Need more info?

Contact Ashleigh Bruns at [ashleigh.bruns@gmail.com](mailto:ashleigh.bruns@gmail.com) or Nanette Goings at [nanette@fcllc.org](mailto:nanette@fcllc.org). Babysitting will be provided at the church, if needed. Please contact [nanette@fcllc.org](mailto:nanette@fcllc.org) by January 1, if you would like the nursery staffed.

## Lenten Devotional

It's only December, but now is the time to volunteer to write a devotion! We need writers for the 46 devotions to be included in FCLC's own Lenten Devotional. The deadline for completed devotions will be February 8. As in the past, scripture passages and writing guidelines are provided. Please contact [nanette@fclc.org](mailto:nanette@fclc.org) if you are interested in helping out.

## Christian Education Dates to Remember in December and January

Check the online calendar link at [www.fclc.org](http://www.fclc.org) for up-to-date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

December 6	10:00-11:00 am	Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training
December 14	9:45-10:45 am	Sunday School Show and Tell (Open House)
December 21	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
December 24	NO CONFIRMATION	
December 28	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
December 28	8:30-Noon	Bonfils Blood Drive
December 29	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth Christmas Party
December 31	NO CONFIRMATION	
January 7	6:00-7:30 pm	Confirmation resumes
January 10	6:30-8:00 pm	Great Dates Couples' Bible Study
January 11	9:45-10:45 am	Sunday School resumes
January 25	9:00-11:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks!
January 26	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
February 8		Lenten Devotions Due!

Nanette Goings, Director of Christian Education  
Mary Konicek, Christian Education Chairperson

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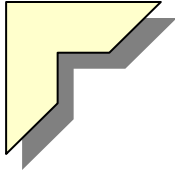
## Grocery Gift Cards

We have grocery gift cards for both Safeway and King Soopers. So, stop by the red grocery booth and purchase your cards on Sunday mornings for all your grocery shopping needs. They will be available between services.

Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards and these monies support the Fellowship Ministry in December and Education Ministry in January.

There is no extra cost to you. You buy \$100 of gift cards and get to spend \$100 at the grocery store. The store, however, gives FCLC \$5 per \$100!





## Worship Corner

Diane Sell, Director of Worship Teams & Drama



Advent is upon us and worship will reflect this in December. Some of you have asked that we sing more "Christmas carols" earlier on in the advent season, and so those who have been "crying in the wilderness" for this...it shall be so! We have so much rich and wonderful Christmas music that we started November 30<sup>th</sup>, which marked the beginning of Advent.

### The Story behind "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The origins of this carol date back to medieval times. In the 800s, a series of Latin hymns were sung each day during Christmas Vespers from December 17-23. Each of these hymns began with the word "O" and were called the "Great" or "O" Antiphons (the word antiphon meaning psalm or anthem). These hymns were restructured into verse form in the 1100s and finally published in Latin in 1710. In the mid 1800s they were discovered by an English minister named John Mason Neale, who wove together segments of them to produce his first draft of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" which was published in 1851. We owe a debt of gratitude to John Mason Neale every time we sing one of his Christmas carols which includes: "Good King Wenceslas," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," and "All Glory Laud and Honor."

Translated by: John M. Neale



### Featured Songs in December and January

December: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" as our Song of Praise

January: "Give you Glory" (new)

### December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cantata with Adult choir!

This Sunday always is inspiring... The Adult Choir will lead worship this morning with a flavor of Christmas in "Cantata" format!

### All Christmas Eve Worship Teams

**Rehearsal is Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

- † Leap of Faith (LOF) Worship Team is leading 3:00 pm Worship.
- † 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Worship Team is leading 5:00 pm Worship.
- † The Baas families are leading 7:00 pm.

Worship Team Notes! –continued**“LEAP OF FAITH” SCHEDULE**

LOF (Leap of Faith Youth Team) will rehearse according to the following schedule:

**December**

- † LOF Band: December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- † LOF Team: December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- † LOF Band and Team: Lead worship on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
- † All Team rehearsal for Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm
- † LOF Team and Band: Lead worship on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**January 2009 – LOF will not be leading worship the first Sunday in January.**

Instead the Band and Team will rehearse as follows:

- † LOF Band: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- † LOF Band: Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm
- † LOF Band and Worship Team: Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm -8pm
- † LOF Band and Team: Thursday night, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**LOF Band will lead WNL Opening and Closing Worship (6:00 and 7:15 pm)**

- † December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- † December 17<sup>th</sup>
- † January 7<sup>th</sup>
- † January 21<sup>st</sup>

**We Have SOUND NEEDS!!!**

We are in need of some folks who would be willing to run (or be trained in) sound for our Saturday service.

We are also looking for someone who would be willing to be put on a rotation schedule to run sound for funerals and weddings.

If this ministry is something that might interest you, please contact either Kathy Griffie or Diane Sell at the church.

**VPU (Video Production Unit)**

“Media Shout” is in place and we are using it a little more each week! We currently are in need of folks to share the responsibility of inputting the services for our weekly worship services. If this is something that sounds like it just might be “up your alley” please contact Stacia Keller.



We are also in the process of training folks to learn the Media Shout system and getting more people on the team to run VPU for our weekend services.

If this is something that you would like to do, again, Stacia Keller is the lady to see!



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*Worship Team Notes! –continued*

## Christmas Eve Worship

### 3:00 pm

Will be our family oriented service featuring our Leap of Faith worship team. Special music will begin at 2:30pm led by youth of our congregation. Our children will be sharing the "Nativity Story" during the children's message time.



### 5:00 pm

Prelude music by our very own Jazz ensemble beginning at 6:30pm. Special music featuring our 2<sup>nd</sup> week worship team!

### 7:00 pm

Prelude music by Jan Baas on classical guitar. Special music featuring FCLC's Adult Choir.

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## DRaMaTiC tHoUgHtS!!

### Reflections on "LIFESONG"

I just wanted to take a moment and say a big "thank you" to all of you who came out to support our first middle school musical. As you know, it took many people to produce this production. A special thank you to Mary Timms who, in August, sat with me in the Sanctuary and dreamed of what this "could be." I am inspired by her gifts and the leadership role she took on to help make this possible! To Bruce and Sue Smith, Laura Lewis, Susan Moller, Dawn Bass, Brit Windel, Blair Smallwood, Bob Goings, Kathy Griffiee, Stacia Keller, and my own Dave Sell who spent countless hours with this production, I say, "Thank you and I love you." To the LOF Band and singers..."You are awesome! You added so much breadth and depth to this show...you are ROCK STARS!" And to the 10 brave actors who stepped out in faith to be the "first" to do this, "It was an honor and privilege to work with you." I look forward to many more of these productions in the future. Thank you, parents, for supporting this ministry and making it a priority in the lives of your children. In the end, we give God the glory!

## Puppets in Worship!

If you are interested in using your dramatic gifts and be "heard, but not seen," Puppet Ministry in worship just might be for YOU! Please contact Diane Sell if you are interested. Puppets are featured every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during the Children's Message time.

## Lenten Dramas

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry that takes place at both Lenten services, please see Diane Sell. I am looking for actors of all ages who would be willing to be in either a monologue setting or small group ensemble setting. The theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit." The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25, and continues through April 1, 2009.

Worship Team Notes! –continuedLooking Ahead:

Third- through fifth-grade “One Act Play” has begun rehearsals from 5:00-7:00 pm Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. We break for dinner at 5:45pm. All rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run on the same Wednesday nights as WNL and Confirmation (Dec. 3, 10 and 17). I am looking for parents of this age group to help in the following areas:

- + Set design and props
- + PR
- + Concession stand
- + Co-director
- + Sound and VPU

Show dates for this “One Act” will be February 6th and 7th.

Interested in hearing more about this? See Diane Sell. All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us!

FCLC’s “Biggest Loser”

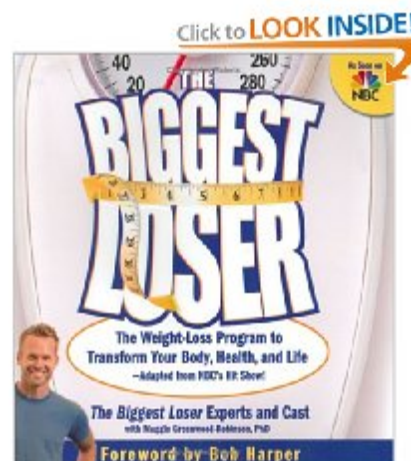
Hey, Ladies and Gentleman of Faith Community,

Be watching for a new event after the start of the new year. FCLC will be hosting a “Biggest Loser” contest. We will take a holistic approach to weight loss and learn how to live healthy lives.

Our hope is to have a Bible study so that we are nourishing the spiritual side and to help nourish us as we join together to lose weight and just trying to live an over-all more healthy life.

Dates are to be announced soon with more information.

If you have any questions contact Brit Windel or Nanette Goings.



## Outreach News

### December Focus: Holiday Outreach

The holidays are upon us and FCLC Outreach has a lot of activities planned:

**Abundance Gifting during Advent:** Are you struggling to find a gift for someone who has everything? FCLC Outreach has a solution for you: Dedicate a charitable donation to that person. Each Sunday during Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21), FCLC Outreach is sponsoring the "Abundance Gifting" program. There is a table set up in the Narthex after the worship services to help you with this purchase/donation. FCLC Outreach provides the customized Christmas card for that special someone. So, don't forget to bring your checkbooks and get your Christmas Shopping done early! If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt at [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net).



**St. Vrain's Holiday Giving Program:** FCLC Outreach is supporting the St. Vrain's Holiday Giving Program this Christmas. This program provides toys and bicycles for low-income families living in the St. Vrain Valley School District. More information can be found at the St. Vrain Community Council website: [www.stvraincc.org/Holiday\\_Basket.html](http://www.stvraincc.org/Holiday_Basket.html). A Giving Tree with angel tags hung from it is setup in the "Outreach Corner" (SW Corner of the Narthex). There are 200 angel tags available for the congregation to choose from. Please grab an angel tag, purchase the gift (\$30 limit), and return the *unwrapped* item—with the angel attached—to the church by Sunday, December 14. These toys will be distributed at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 20. Also, if you have any new/used bikes that you would like to donate, please drop them by High Gear Cyclery or Bike-n-Hike in Longmont. These bikes will get repaired and helmets will be provided. The bike giveaway happens on Thursday, Dec 18 from 6-8pm.

### Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

#### St. Vrain's Holiday Giving Program:

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration and collection/distribution of the toys. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sue McCullough at Volunteer Connection at 303.444.4904. If you have any questions, you can contact the program coordinator, Cindy Kidwell at [ckidwell@cbores.org](mailto:ckidwell@cbores.org) or 303-881-9311.

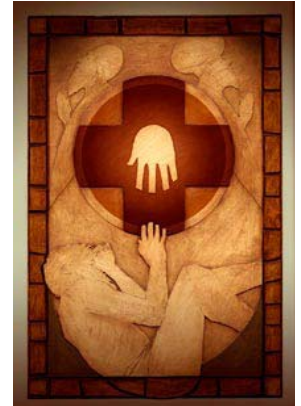
#### Salvation Army's Annual Holiday Bell-Ringing Campaign:

Each year the local Salvation Army helps low-income families in Longmont with food, shelter, rent, and utilities through the funds collected. Volunteers are needed on Dec 12-14, and Dec 19-21. These volunteers are scheduled in 1-hour or 2-hour shifts to staff the Salvation Army's bell-ringing kettles at local stores and grocery stores. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Glenn at [tnglenn@comcast.net](mailto:tnglenn@comcast.net) or 303-651-9524.

## **Ongoing Funds / Projects**

### **Good Samaritan Fund**

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need. It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller at [susan@fclc.org](mailto:susan@fclc.org).



### **Missions Fund**

Is the Lord calling you to use your talents and spread the Good News in another country? If you are planning a mission trip, we want to give you the support you need. In 2007, FCLC Outreach started a fund that is used to give financial support to members going on a mission trip. Please contact the Outreach Committee ([outreach-team@fclc.org](mailto:outreach-team@fclc.org)) if you're interested in applying for the fund.

### **Seminary Scholarship Fund**

Are you considering serving the Lord by going to seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has set up a fund to support students who attend seminary. Please contact the Outreach Committee ([outreach-team@fclc.org](mailto:outreach-team@fclc.org)) if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement.

# Thank YOU!

### **FCLC Outreach Receives a Community Service Award!**

A BIG Thank You goes out to the entire congregation for their generous support. Without all of our wonderful volunteers, this award would not have been possible. On October 30, FCLC Outreach received the Community Service Award for Church-Based Outreach from August 2007 through July 2008. This \$1000 award was given by Group Publishing in Loveland, Colorado, to recognize "Church-sponsored projects designed to reach out to the community and proclaim God's love".

More information can be found at [www.group.com/community/awards.asp](http://www.group.com/community/awards.asp)

### **Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection Is a HUGE Success!**

What an incredible response we had this year to the Shoebox Drive! There were 163 shoeboxes collected and distributed to Samaritan Purse organization on Nov.16. Thank you to all those who participated in the program to make it a success! This is a wonderful way to reach out and make a difference in the lives of children all over the world.

## **Special Offerings Used for Outreach Activities**

The Special Offerings from the Thanksgiving Service and Christmas Services will be designated to Trinity Lutheran Church in DeWitt, Nebraska, and HOPE, respectively. This means that 20% of all offerings collected on that day will be sent directly to the organization. The Outreach Committee selected these two organizations in hopes of bringing awareness to their good causes, especially during the holiday season! The mission of the HOPE organization, [www.hopeforlongmont.org](http://www.hopeforlongmont.org), reaches out to the homeless. And, the money given to Trinity Lutheran Church in Dewitt, Nebraska is a part of the “Pay-it-forward...Pay-it-back” Fund.

## **“Pay-it-forward...Pay-it-back” Recognition for Trinity Lutheran Church**

The Outreach Ministry at FCLC has grown a lot in the past few years. As a part of our growth and success, we would like to recognize where our roots came from. We are forever in debt to Trinity Lutheran Church in Dewitt, Nebraska. As a part of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 1979, Trinity Lutheran Church decided to give a gift to the “next mission” church, with no strings attached. It so happened that Faith Community Lutheran Church was “next in line” as a mission church. This incredibly generous gift of \$104,000 enabled FCLC in the early 80s to purchase the 6.4-acre property where our church currently stands. Trinity’s faith, trust, and generous spirit are an inspiration to us all!

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

209 N. Quince Street

DeWitt, Nebraska 68341

402-683-3225

[www.dewitt.ne.gov/tlc](http://www.dewitt.ne.gov/tlc)

Pastor Ken Kramer

Year organized: 1879

Membership: 382 (Baptized)

Average Attendance: 117



As a way for FCLC to give our thanks and recognition to Trinity Lutheran Church, the Outreach Committee has setup a “Pay-it-forward...Pay-it-back” Fund. By Trinity “paying-it-forward” to FCLC, we would like to “pay-it-back” to them. It is definitely apparent that we wouldn’t be where we are (literally!) without Trinity’s gift to us, their trust in God, and trust in us as a church. Our growth as a church and our ability to reach out to others was initially made possible by their generosity. FCLC members are encouraged to give to this fund which will be sent to Trinity in December. To kick off this Fund, the Outreach Committee has designated the \$1000 community service award money that was just received from Group Publishing to be put into it. Also, the Outreach portion (20%) of the offerings from the services on Nov 22/23 and the Thanksgiving service will go into this Fund for Trinity. Hopefully with this additional money, we can help Trinity Lutheran Church celebrate their 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009!



## **Outreach 2009**

January is just around the corner. FCLC Outreach Committee is excited for the New Year as we have a lot planned for 2009. Mark your calendar for some upcoming volunteer opportunities. We are very grateful for all those wonderful volunteers as these projects wouldn't be successful otherwise.

### **OUR Center Lunch Serving: 10am-2pm**

- Sunday, February 22
- Saturday, May 2
- Saturday, August 1
- Sunday, December 6

Contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))

### **Habitat for Humanity Lunch: 11am-1pm**

- Saturday, January 24
- Saturday, March 14
- Saturday, June 13
- Saturday, September 19

Contact Veta Hartman ([hartmanv@comcast.net](mailto:hartmanv@comcast.net))

We will be serving lunch at the OUR Center at least four times this year where we need 6-8 volunteers. Four other times during the year, we will need 10-15 volunteers to help pre-make and serve lunch to the workers at Habitat for Humanity. Lastly, we hope to have several Habitat for Humanity "workdays" (8am-4pm) which will be coordinated by Curt Musfeldt ([cmusfeldt@qualcomm.com](mailto:cmusfeldt@qualcomm.com)). If you have questions or are able to help with any of these projects, please contact the appropriate FCLC volunteer coordinator. Also, if there are other projects you'd like to have us get involved with, please contact Tami Musfeldt [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net).

### **Homeless Outreach Challenge in January** (See weekly bulletin for distribution info and dates)

As you sit at a stop light, do you feel awkward seeing a homeless person with a sign asking for help? Overcome your fears by keeping food cards in your car to hand out to those in need. The FCLC Outreach Committee will be providing a limited number of \$5 Food Cards (to McD's & Wendy's) to FCLC members for this purpose. A "Resource Card" will also be provided for handing out to the homeless. Hopefully this will help you get started in a good habit of reaching out to those in need!

### **Outreach to Kids in Longmont: Kid's Hope USA**

Have you ever thought about mentoring a child? FCLC Outreach Committee is considering sponsoring a mentoring program called Kid's Hope USA which would partner our church with a local elementary school. More information on this program can be found at [www.kidshopeusa.org](http://www.kidshopeusa.org). We are looking for a few good people who might consider being a mentor for one hour every week throughout the school year. Depending on the interest level, we would like to start this program in September 2009, and we are asking for your prayers that someone will step forward to be the program coordinator. The program coordinator is a part-time, paid position in which the rewards far outweigh the effort: must enjoy kids in a challenging, life-changing process! If you have any questions or are interested in this position, please contact Pat Sharp at [m6sharp@aol.com](mailto:m6sharp@aol.com).

### **Mexico Mission Trip Spring 2009**

FCLC Outreach is in the planning stages of organizing a mission trip with Brother George Rivera to Galeana, Mexico, to help with some church repairs. The current plan is to go during Spring Break (March 28-April 5, 2009). If you're interested, please contact Cindy Hansen at [cindy@fclc.org](mailto:cindy@fclc.org).

### **Gently Used Sports Shoes Needed**

Do you have kids who are active in sports? If so, it probably seems like you're constantly buying them new shoes at the start of every season as they have outgrown their old shoes. These old shoes, especially basketball shoes (which are never worn outside the court), may be in almost perfect condition so it's hard to justify throwing them out. Kaydene Hubert is leading an effort to collect these shoes and donate them to kids who really need them. If you have ANY sport shoes to be donated that still have plenty of wear in them, please contact Kaydene Hubert at [wkrsae@msn.com](mailto:wkrsae@msn.com) or 303-845-2290.

## LIBERIA MISSION OF FCLC

Did you know that for two years FCLC has been funding a school in Liberia, Africa, that is providing education for village children who lost one or both parents in the war years? Todd and Tyger Penson from our church went to Liberia in January to see the project. Though the building wasn't completed, the school was operating in whatever buildings they could find.



Rev. Anthony Mulbah, a Lutheran Pastor, is responsible for establishing this school in the remote village of Gbonyea and presently has four teachers teaching around 200 children.

With the funds mostly from the Endowment Fund, we have enabled Pastor Mulbah to hire the teachers and to provide the villagers with tools and supplies to build their school. This fall a third grade level is being added to the K-Grade 2 School which will mean that another classroom will have to be constructed soon.

The school building has been completed now. The villagers were so appreciative of our support! They gave (symbolically) a live goat and chicken to us as a way of saying thank you. FCLC is the only church helping this remote village to provide education for their youth. Thank you. Also, thank you for those who donated school supplies, books, toys, and soccer balls to the school. And thank you for your continued prayers and financial help.



Todd & Tyger Penson



## December Birthdays

### December 1

Charles Herring  
Shauna Bladt

### December 2

Curt Musfeldt  
Aaron Praska

### December 3

Judy Conradson  
Tony Hassa  
Greg Vaughn  
Ben Gomez  
Steve Hansen  
Tom Hansen  
Mat Cirbo

### December 4

Dave Koehler

### December 5

Sylvia Uecker  
Shannon Stewart  
Jayda Rister

### December 6

Dee Lien  
Jeff Bonds  
Eve Edwards

### December 7

Katlin Kovets  
Kara Kovets

### December 8

Dave Enders  
Pam Lind

### December 9

Lucille Mullen  
Judy Heller  
Sue McCormick  
Anita Willson  
Doug Inskeep

### December 10

Donna Wormke  
Brian Greene

### December 11

Jeff Bladt  
Travis Hunting

### December 12

Dave Rogers

### December 13

Greg Harms  
Gena Steele  
William McClurkin II

### December 14

Diane Elwood  
Scott Francis

### December 15

Joyce Heimbichner  
Sharon Kaiser  
Dianna Buckett

### December 16

Ron Parsons  
Marcus Cardenas  
Breanna Unger

### December 17

Thomas Kankiewicz  
Marci Rothe  
Sandor Demosthenes  
Ryan Platt

### December 18

Paula Moore

### December 19

Patty Harms

### December 20

Brad Davis

### December 21

Carole Freeman  
Chris Smith

### December 24

Veta Hartman  
Horst Hennig

### December 26

Martha Van Gent  
Len Rozek  
Deb Bonner  
Hilary Smallwood

### December 28

Larry Cirbo  
Todd Williams  
Brody Rothe  
Mary Madeline Barcowski  
Matthew Datte

### December 29

Curt Lewis  
Corinne Wetzal

### December 30

Joan Schnell

### December 31

Colton Vece

## January Birthdays

### January 1

Brad Steele  
Leslie Raymond  
Lisa Smith  
Corey Bruns

### January 2

Tanja Nelson

### January 3

Emily Matthias  
Roger Rankin  
Gordy Wallace  
Tom Kramer

### January 4

Pat Sharp  
Chuck Carlson  
Nicholas Boggess

### January 5

Andy Mason

### January 6

Bob Alm

### January 7

Karla Irvin  
Jeff Stamp  
Ryan Carson  
Rygeell Hubert  
Cole Francis

### January 8

Holly Lehnert  
Matthew Smith

### January 9

Phyllis Holst  
Trevor Bonner  
Jake Bonner  
Kylee Mendez

### January 10

Gary Adams  
Jake Carstens  
Michael Chaney

### January 11

Nathan Schemmel  
Jason Irvin  
Tanner Brunkow  
Madelyn Thoman

### January 13

Mary Konicek  
Imelda Goderstad

### January 14

Tom Probst  
Rose Datte  
Miguel Mendez  
Angie McDermid

### January 15

Elizabeth Simpson  
Travis Parsons

### January 16

Nick Lehnert  
Scott Musser  
Mark Johnson

### January 17

Shawn Fitzgerald  
Kaydene Hubert  
Christian Ney

### January 18

Jody McClurkin  
Joan Kallas  
David Brown  
Zach Myers  
Graham Harms  
Zoe Chase  
Ryan Fitzgerald

### January 19

Don Lee  
Ruth Lerum  
Grace Demmel

### January 20

Bill Raymond  
Claire Danos  
Makenna Schuman

### January 21

Kimberly Scruggs  
Tony Schaff

### January 22

Mike Marshall  
Kathy Droege  
Marissa Ciccone

### January 23

Joel Schell  
Bob Goings  
Joseph Jedrzejewski

### January 24

Amanda Platt

### January 25

Evelyn Weston  
Denise Parsons

### January 26

McKenna Inskeep

### January 28

Mike Smith  
Amanda Endres  
Griffin Nelson

### January 29

Jason Olson

### January 30

Chris Desizlets  
Ty Tatham  
Carly Hopp  
Johnny Mercer  
Nicholas Knutson



## December Wedding Anniversaries

### December 1

Jeff & Teresa Stamp—25 yrs

### December 10

Rob & Kayla Smith—31 yrs

### December 11

Mike & Lisa Smith—26 yrs

### December 14

Scott & Libby Erie—17 yrs

### December 15

Perry & Anita Willson—35 yrs

### December 17

Irving & Almina Ringdahl—58 yrs

### December 18

Harlan & Janelle Olson—43 yrs  
Rob & Sue Ney—14 yrs

### December 22

Tom & Marilee Gruenberger—40 yrs

### December 23

Larry & Debbie Polsdofer—31 yrs  
Dave Mathiesen & Brenda Shelton—13 yrs

### December 27

Jim & Judy Conradson—33 yrs  
Scott & Sue Bachman—28 yrs  
Mike & Terri Cogdill—22 yrs

### December 28

Cliff & Trisha Stewart—12 yrs

### December 29

Steve & Carole Freeman—45 yrs  
Bob & Claire Danos—27 yrs

## January Wedding Anniversaries

### January 1

Mike & Rhea Hoops—16 yrs  
Dan & Peggy Gaither—4 yrs

### January 5

Jerry & Vicki Cool—51 yrs  
Terry & Laurel Schemmel—24 yrs  
Mike & Nikol Olson—17 yrs

### January 9

Larry & Diane Vinaske—25 yrs

### January 12

Rod & Kassandra Bowman—2 yr

### January 28

Peter & Debbie Raemer—3 yrs

## **FCLC Library News**



Library resources can make your Advent time more inspirational, thoughtful, joyful, prayerful ... as you turn the focus of your family's anticipation toward angels, a star, the wondrous night when a tiny baby in a very ordinary manger was the gift that is more precious and still outshines any gift that any man or woman or child could dream of receiving wrapped or unwrapped! Books for all ages retelling the Christmas story or offering devotional readings or heartwarming fiction can coax you from complicated overlong to-do lists to spend time preparing your heart for Christmas Eve. Find them in the library and in the narthex book bin.

**Watch for *The Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*** [242.33 WAT 2001] is a wonderful reading companion for Advent and each day through Christmas to Epiphany. It includes excerpts from sermons and theological writings as well as poems and familiar passages by T.S. Eliot, Martin Luther, C.S. Lewis, Madeleine L'Engle, John Donne, Thomas Merton, and more.

**Winter's Gift** by Jane Monroe Donovan is a lovely picture book (ages 4 to 8) [CP DON Win] that will be appreciated by readers of many ages, especially when shared with a child. On Christmas Eve an old farmer grieving for his wife prepares to spend Christmas alone. As a blizzard descends, in the nearby woods, a mare is lost, separated from her herd. Weak and cold and pregnant, she wanders onto his farm.

He stables her in his barn, warming her, nourishing her with carrots and fresh water. Awakening Christmas morning, the farmer finds a recovering mare resting in his barn and a newborn foal as well. Soft watercolor illustrations help make this story a wonderful reminder of the importance of hospitality and compassion.

**VOTE FOR BOOKS** FCLC's readers were busy reading or following 'another' campaign, but seven members shared their choices for a FCLC Great Books List.

### **Books that made a difference in your life**

- ◆ *Kingdom Come: How Jesus Wants to Change the World*, by Allen Mitsuo Wakabayashi. [Suggested by ?]
- ◆ *The Complete Book of Discipleship*, by Bill Hall. [Suggested by ?]
- ◆ *Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui*, by Karen Kingston. FCLC: 133.3 KIN Cle. [Andrea Lee]
- ◆ *The Red tent*, by Anita Diamant. [Dawn Baas. "Very powerful. I've read it about a hundred times!]
- ◆ *1984*, by George Orwell. [Sarek Lee. "This shows how helping everyone can be the ultimate downfall of all (socialism). This exemplifies why America is not wrong by being rich.]

### **A favorite book that you enjoyed reading (at any age)**

- ◆ *Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy*, by Wilson Rawls. [Dawn Baas]
- ◆ *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, by Jeff Kinney. [Timmy ?]
- ◆ *Anne of Green Gables*, by L. M. Montgomery. FCLC: JF MON Ann. [Deb Bonner]
- ◆ *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson. FCLC: 371 MOR Thr. [Deb Bonner]
- ◆ *Cheney Duvall, M.D. series*, by Lynn Morris and Gilbert Morris. FCLC: F MOR Che [Andrea Lee]
- ◆ *The Pendragon series*, C. J. McHale. [Sarek Lee. "Shows how God is constantly fighting the devil.]

### **A recommended book from FCLC Library**

- ◆ *The Outsider*, by Ann Gabhart. FCLC: F GAB Out. [Dawn Baas]
- ◆ *Sophie's Heart*, by Lori Wick. FCLC: F WIC Sop. [Linda Parker]
- ◆ *Pretense*, by Lori Wick. FCLC: F WIC Pre. [Linda Parker]
- ◆ *Christ the Lord: out of Egypt*, by Anne Rice. FCLC: F RIC Chr. [Deb Bonner]
- ◆ *The Mitford (Father Tim) series*, by Jan Karon. FCLC: F KAR. [Deb Bonner]

From **A Diary of Private Prayer**, by John Baillie:

*"Leave me not, O Gracious Presence, in such hours as I may today devote to the reading of books or of newspapers. Guide my mind to choose the right books, and after having chosen them, to read them in the right way."*



## **Fellowship Happenings**

Sally Meier, Fellowship Chair

### **Fellowship Meetings**

Do you like planning or lending a hand with our social activities? If so, please consider joining us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7-8pm at church. Fellowship can offer so many more small group activities if we just had a little help from you all.

### **It's Fellowship PARTY TIME!!!**

- ◆ Lee & Tanja Nelson's
- ◆ 703 Glenarbor Circle, Longmont
- ◆ Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- ◆ Bring an appetizer or dessert

All are welcome: Come share in some fellowship time with other FCLC members. If you can lend a hand for one (1) or more weeks during Lenten soup suppers (Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>), we'll have sign up sheets at the party.

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Soup Suppers begin Ash Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you can lend a hand for a few hours during the day (between 11am and 3pm), please contact Sally Meier at 303-938-8680 or [sallyjmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyjmeier@yahoo.com).

### **Women's Winter Fellowship Weekend in Summit County**

Take a break from your "to do" list and get away with friends to enjoy the mountains. We're planning the annual FCLC women's winter weekend in Summit County. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, spend time with friends, ski, shop, snowshoe, go to the movies, or just hang out and relax. The date hasn't been finalized yet, but if you'd like preliminary details contact Jill Krantz (email [jkkconnect@hotmail.com](mailto:jkkconnect@hotmail.com) or 303-774-8439).

### **Theater**

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon (2pm), March 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be gathering a group to go to Longmont Theater Company's production of "Once upon a Mattress." Get your friends together, go out to lunch after the late service and join us for a fun-filled afternoon! Tickets will go on sale in January.

For more information, contact Pam Lind at [lindplindp@msn.com](mailto:lindplindp@msn.com) or 303-684-0804.

### **St. Patrick's Day Dance Is Back!**

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>... details to follow, but save the date now! Contact Andrea Lee at 970-535-0305 if you want to help out.



*God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"* Luke 4:18-19

## ***Catch the Spirit!***

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*of all nations...* Matthew 28:19



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## Mission Verse

God's Spirit is on me:  
He chose me to preach the  
Message of Good News to the  
poor, Sent me to announce  
pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"  
*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame,  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a  
church that is:

- Bible-centered
- Prayer-centered
- Worship-centered with  
blended  
styles of music
- Kid-Friendly
- Visitor-Friendly
- A Model of the Priesthood of  
Believers
- A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)